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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re: Jacobus Haartsen
Serial No.: 10/664,726
Filed: September 17, 2003
For: METHODS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR WIRELESS AD-HOC
NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS USING RECEIVER DETERMINED
CHANNELS AND TRANSMITTED REFERENCE SIGNALS

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Office of Patent Legal Administration
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of September 17, 2003 rather than September 22, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of September 17, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

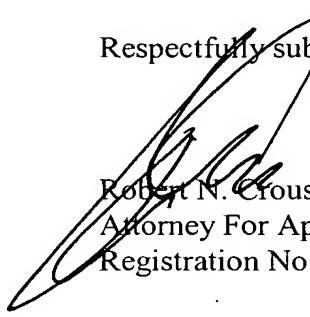
1. A true and accurate copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail signature and date on Page 2;
2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt along with a copy of the USPS-Track & Confirm from the web page (www.usps.com) , showing "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS at 5:30 p.m. on September 17, 2003; and
3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of September 22, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of September 17, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of September 17, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

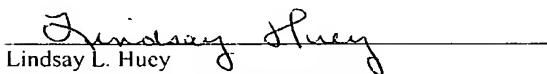
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